

Number. What do
you remember
about it?

Learning objectives of Lecture 4



- Introduction to Number (Adad) of Ism
- The concept of Singular, Dual, and Plural Ism
- How to convert Singular Ism to Dual Ism



In Arabic, we need to know **four** characteristics about each Ism.
Without these characteristics, we can neither fully understand the Ism, nor use it properly in a sentence.

We must know the following **four** characteristics for each Ism:

Characteristic	Arabic Term	Description
Gender of Ism	جِنْس (Jins)	Whether the Ism is: Masculine [مُذَكَّر Muzakkar]; or Feminine [مُؤَنَّث Mo'annas]
Number of Ism	عَدَد (Adad)	Whether the Ism is Singular, Dual, or Plural
Capacity of Ism	وُسْعَت (Wusat)	
Status of Ism	إِعْرَاب (Eraab)	

Number of Ism (اِسْم)

عَدَد (Adad)

English

Singular (e.g., Book)
Plural (e.g., Books)

Urdu

Singular, (كِتَاب, e.g., وَاحِد)
Plural, (كِتَابِیں, e.g., جَمْع)

Arabic

From the standpoint of Number, Ism (اِسْم) will be of three types:

وَاحِد

- Wahid (Singular) Ism
- Used for one



مُثَنَّى

- Musanna (Dual) Ism
- Used for two



جَمْع

- Jama (Plural) Ism
- Used for more than two



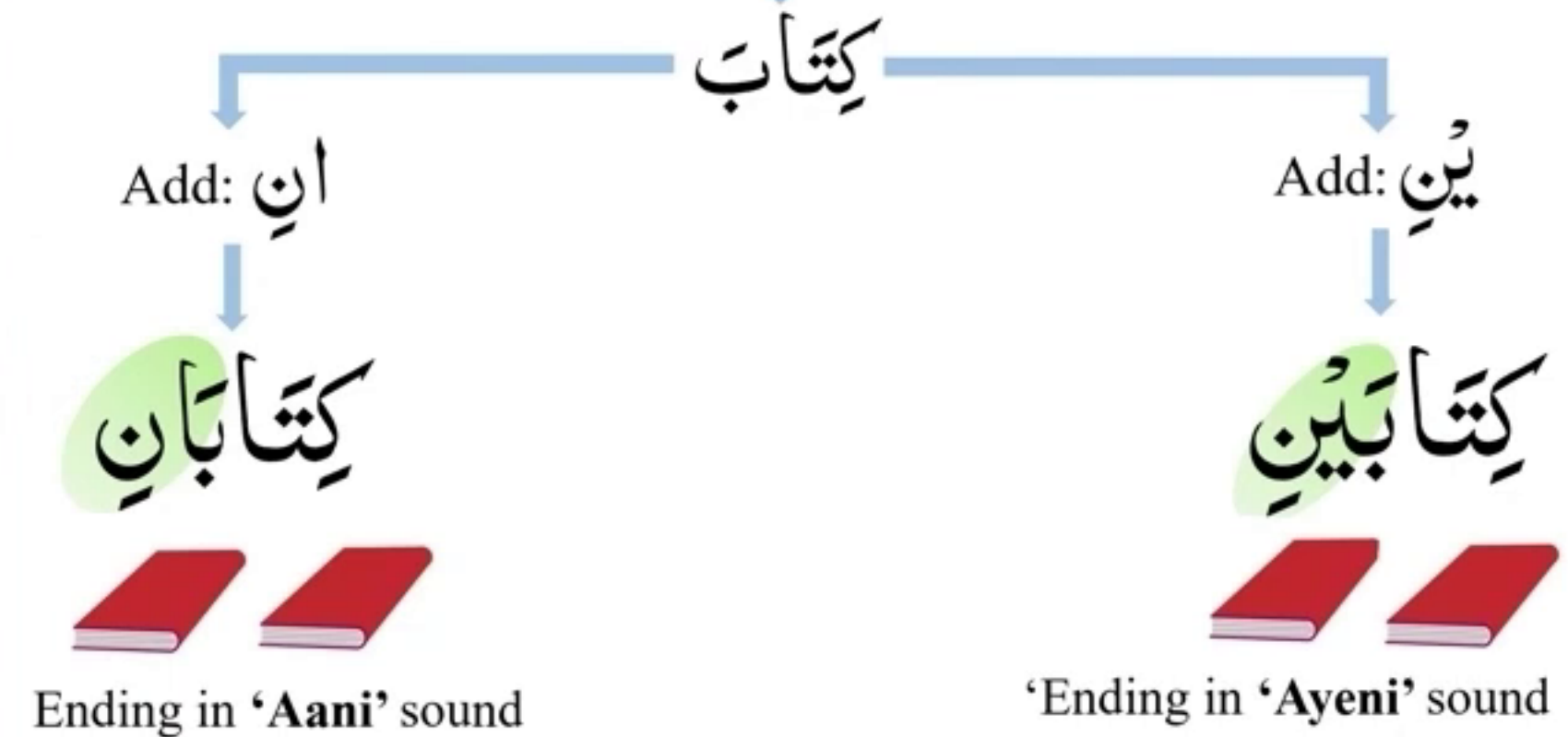
Number. How to
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to Dual?

How to convert Wahid Ism (وَاحِدِ إِسْم) into Musanna Ism (مُتَنَّى إِسْم)

Note: The same rules will apply whether the Ism is Masculine or Feminine

Take a Wahid (Singular) Ism, e.g., كِتَاب (a book/one book) 

Add a 'Zabar' َ on the last Harf (alphabet) of the Wahid Ism



Dual (مُتَنَّى)		Singular (وَاحِد)
وَلَدٌ + َ + يَنْ = وَلَدَيْنِ 'Walad-ayeni' Two boys	وَلَدٌ + َ + اِنْ = وَلَدَانِ 'Walad-aani' Two boys	وَلَدٌ One boy / A boy
بِنْتُ + َ + يَنْ = بِنْتَيْنِ 'Bint-ayeni' Two girls	بِنْتُ + َ + اِنْ = بِنْتَانِ 'Bint-aani' Two girls	بِنْتُ One girl / A girl
مُسْلِمٌ + َ + يَنْ = مُسْلِمَيْنِ 'Muslim-ayeni' Two Muslim men/boys	مُسْلِمٌ + َ + اِنْ = مُسْلِمَانِ 'Muslim-aani' Two Muslim men/boys	مُسْلِمٌ One Muslim man/boy
مُسْلِمَةٌ + َ + يَنْ = مُسْلِمَتَيْنِ 'Muslima-tayeni' Two Muslim women/girls	مُسْلِمَةٌ + َ + اِنْ = مُسْلِمَتَانِ 'Muslima-taani' Two Muslim women/girls	مُسْلِمَةٌ One Muslim woman/girl

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*Example at



Practice

Please name the Musanna مُشْنَى (Dual) forms for the following Wahid (Singular) Asmaa (وَاحِدِ اسْمَاء)



وَاحِدِ اسْم	Singular	Dual مُشْنَى	
وَلَدٌ	One Boy	وَلَدَانِ	Two boys
بِنْتُ	One Girl	بِنْتَانِ	Two girls
مُسْلِمٌ	One Muslim	مُسْلِمَانِ	Two Muslims
كَافِرٌ	One disbeliever	كَافِرَانِ	Two disbelievers
مُؤْمِنٌ	One believer	مُؤْمِنَانِ	Two believers
مُنَافِقٌ	One hypocrite	مُنَافِقَانِ	Two hypocrites
أُسْتَاذٌ	One teacher	أُسْتَاذَانِ	Two teachers
أُسْتَاذَةٌ	One female teacher	أُسْتَاذَتَانِ	Two female teachers
طَالِبٌ	One student	طَالِبَانِ	Two students



Dual مُثْنِي				Singular	
Two female students	طَالِبَتَيْنِ	Two female students	طَالِبَتَانِ	One female student	طَالِبَةٌ
Two chairs	كُرْسِيَّيْنِ	Two chairs	كُرْسِيَّانِ	One chair	كُرْسِيٌّ
Two schools	مَكْتَبَيْنِ	Two schools	مَكْتَبَانِ	One school	مَكْتَبٌ
Two doors	بَابَيْنِ	Two doors	بَابَانِ	One door	بَابٌ
Two windows	نَافِذَتَيْنِ	Two windows	نَافِذَتَانِ	One window	نَافِذَةٌ
Two eyes	عَيْنَيْنِ	Two eyes	عَيْنَانِ	One eye	عَيْنٌ
Two ears	أُذُنَيْنِ	Two ears	أُذُنَانِ	One ear	أُذُنٌ
Two hands	يَدَيْنِ	Two hands	يَدَانِ	One hand	يَدٌ
Two legs	رِجْلَيْنِ	Two legs	رِجْلَانِ	One leg	رِجْلٌ
Two mosques	مَسْجِدَيْنِ	Two mosques	مَسْجِدَانِ	One mosque	مَسْجِدٌ
Two schools	مَدْرَسَتَيْنِ	Two schools	مَدْرَسَتَانِ	One school	مَدْرَسَةٌ

Examples of Dual Ism [مُشْنَى] from the Hadith of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ

“**Two phrases** which are dear to the Compassionate One and are light on the tongue but heavy in the scale are: ‘How perfect Allah is and I praise Him; and How perfect Allah is the Most Great.’ ”

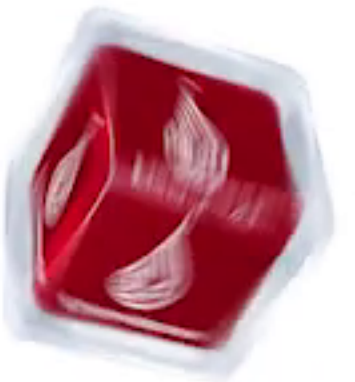
(Sahih Bukhari)

كَلِمَتَانِ حَبِيبَتَانِ إِلَى الرَّحْمَنِ

خَفِيفَتَانِ عَلَى اللِّسَانِ

ثَقِيلَتَانِ فِي الْمِيزَانِ

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ ، سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ الْعَظِيمِ



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الْبَاهِرُ بِالْقُرْآنِ مَعَ السَّفَرَةِ الْكِرَامِ الْبَرَّةِ

وَالَّذِي يَقْرَأُ الْقُرْآنَ وَيَتَتَعَتُعُ فِيهِ

وَهُوَ عَلَيْهِ شَاقٌّ لَهُ أَجْرَانِ

(Sahih Muslim)



Example of Dual Ism [Musanna مُشْنَى] from the Holy Quran

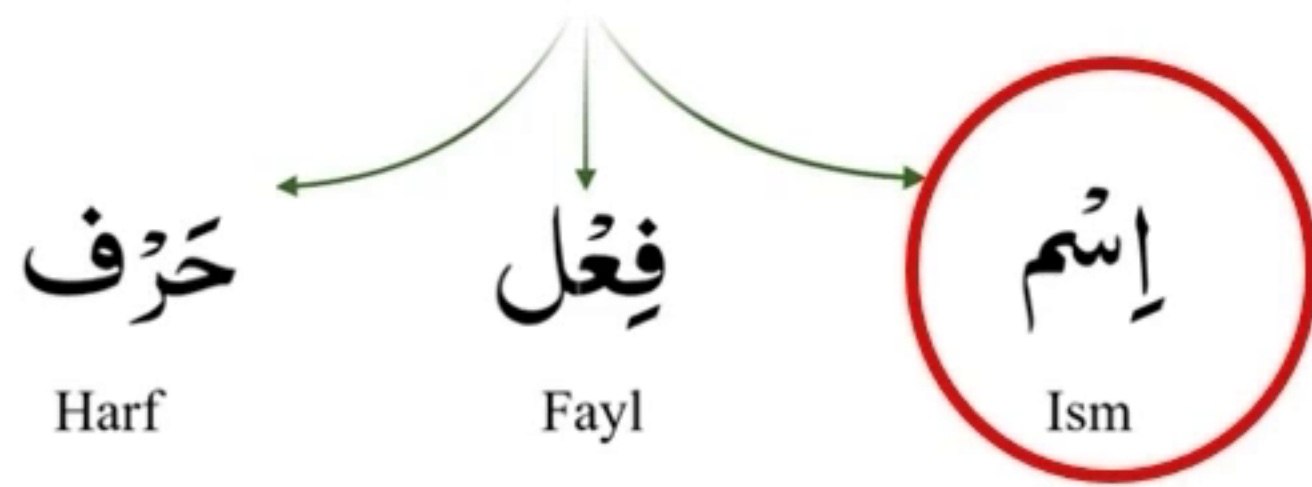
وَلِیْسَ خَافَ مَقَامَ رَبِّهِ جَنَّتٍ ۖ

For those who fear [the time when they will] stand before their Lord there **are two gardens**. (Ar-Rahman; 46)



كَلِمَة

Kalimah: Meaningful words in Arabic



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كِتَاب

Add: اِنِ

كِتَابَانِ



Ending in 'Aani' sound

Add: يْنِ

كِتَابَيْنِ



'Ending in 'Ayeni' sound

How to convert
Wahid Ism into
Musanna Ism



Summary of Lecture 4

سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَبِحَمْدِكَ، أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ، أَسْتَغْفِرُكَ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْكَ

Glory is to You, O Allah, and praise is to You. I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship but You; I seek Your forgiveness and repent to You.



End of lecture 4